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Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Father M. John Farrelly, a Benedictine monk from St. Anselm's Abbey in Washington, DC. Father Farrelly.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

As we gather together at the beginning of this day may we, by Your grace, Lord, so live that we will stand before You confident in Your mercy, as we have shown mercy to those in need. Almighty and merciful God, we commend to You Senator PAUL WELLSTONE who was taken away, along with his wife and his daughter, so unexpectedly and suddenly from us, and who has left many colleagues and others stunned and deeply saddened by their loss of a highly valued coworker and friend.

May his legacy of voting according to his conscience and his concern for the ordinary citizen and the underprivileged endure in this Chamber. May the manner of his death remind all of us that the control we have of our lives is fragile and uncertain, and that our lives can be called from us at any moment.

May PAUL WELLSTONE dwell in Your house, Lord, forever and ever, and may You comfort his remaining family and the many friends, supporters, and the entire Senate family who are bereaved. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHRISTOPHER J. DODD led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, D.C., October 28, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of Rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. DODD thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota is recognized.

DEATH OF PAUL WELLSTONE, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, the Republican leader, all the Members of the Senate, and myself, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 354, submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 354) relative to the death of PAUL WELLSTONE, a Senator from the State of Minnesota:

S. RES. 354

Whereas the Honorable Paul Wellstone taught at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, for more than 20 years in the service of the youth of our Nation;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Wellstone served Minnesota in the United States Senate with devotion and distinction for more than a decade;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Wellstone worked tirelessly on behalf of America's Veterans and the less fortunate, particularly children and families living in poverty and those with mental illness;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Wellstone never wavered from the principles that guided his life and career;

Whereas his efforts on behalf of the people of Minnesota and all Americans earned him the esteem and high regard of his colleagues; and

Whereas his tragic and untimely death has deprived his State and Nation of an outstanding lawmaker: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate expresses profound sorrow and deep regret on the deaths

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